### **SENATE BILL No. 556**

#### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-13-5-1.5; IC 12-15-1-3.5.

**Synopsis:** Case manager assigned in eligibility determination. Requires the division of family resources (division) to assign a state employee to each application for services under the Medicaid program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and the federal Food Stamp Program. Requires the division to give each applicant the name and telephone number of the state employee assigned to the applicant's case. Requires the state employee to be responsible for the case until an eligibility determination is made. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the select joint commission on Medicaid oversight.)

Effective: July 1, 2009.

## **Errington**

January 20, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.





#### First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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## SENATE BILL No. 556

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 12-13-5-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
1, 2009]: Sec. 1.5. (a) The division shall assign a state employee of
the division or of a county office to each application or renewal
application received for the following programs:

- (1) TANF.
- (2) The federal Food Stamp Program.
- (3) Medicaid.
- (b) The division shall inform each applicant of the:
- 10 **(1) name; and**

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- (2) telephone number;
- of the state employee assigned to the applicant's case.
  - (c) The state employee described in this section is responsible for the applicant's case from the time of application until an eligibility determination is made.
  - SECTION 2. IC 12-15-1-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY



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1, 2009]: Sec. 3.5. (a) The division of family resources shall assign	
a state employee of the division of family resources or a county	
office to each Medicaid eligibility application or renewal	
application received by the division of family resources.	
(b) The division of family resources or the county office shall	
inform each applicant of the:	
(1) name; and	
(2) telephone number;	
of the state employee assigned to the applicant's case.	
(c) The state employee described in this section is responsible for	
the applicant's case from the time the application is filed until an	
eligibility determination is made.	
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